

1 **ABSTRACT**

2       Meta data associated with multiple pieces of content (e.g., songs, movies,  
3 other audio/video clips, etc.) stored on multiple pieces of media (e.g., CDs, DVDs,  
4 etc.) is maintained in a meta data store. The meta data store also includes meta  
5 data associated with other pieces of content stored elsewhere, such as songs stored  
6 in files on a local hard drive that have been ripped from a CD or DVD. These  
7 other pieces of content are associated with the content on the pieces of media, such  
8 as being ripped versions of the same song tracks. This association is maintained in  
9 the meta data store, so that whenever a change is made to meta data for one piece  
10 of content (e.g., for a track on a CD), then the meta data for the associated piece(s)  
11 is also changed (e.g., the ripped version stored in a file on the hard drive).

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